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SUBJECT: FRANCOPHONE FOREIGN MINISTERS AND SUMMIT MEETING, PARIS,
MAY 1978

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1. SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
BABACAR BA DEPARTED DAKAR MAY 11 TO PARTICIPATE IN FRANCO-

AFRICAN MINISTERIAL. BA'S CABINET DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR
YOUSSEPH SYLLA, IS ALSO IN PARIS. PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL
BE TAKING PART IN SUMMIT ITSELF, WHICH FOLLOWS HIS SCHEDULED
MAY 17-20 OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE.

2. INTENTION REPORTED REF B THAT PARIS MEETINGS WILL BE
PRIMARILY ECONOMIC IN NATURE CORRESPONDS WITH PURPOSE
STATED BEFOREHAND FOR LAST YEAR'S DAKAR SUMMIT WHICH,
AS IT TURNED OUT, WAS ALSO PREOCCUPIED WITH AFRICAN
SECURITY QUESTIONS POSED IN AFTERMATH OF SHABA AFFAIR.
WITH INTERVENING AGREEMENTS ON CEAO AND ECOWAS NON-
AGGRESSION PACTS AND FLOURISHING RECONCILIATION WITH
GUINEA, SENEGALESE ARE NOTABLY MORE CONFIDENT THESE DAYS
ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY, AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT DISPATCH
OF BATTALION TO LEBANON, BUT THEY STILL ARE UNLIKELY TO
PASS UP OPPORTUNITY TO BOLSTER FRENCH RESOLVE FOR CONTINUED
SUPPORT TO CHAD (DAKAR 2649), MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA.
INDEED, SEMI-OFFICIAL DAKAR DAILY LE SOLEIL FOUND IT
NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN ON MAY 12 THAT "THEY WILL TALK NOT
ONLY OF THE MILITARY COOPERATION THAT FRANCE CARRIES ON
WITH ITS AFRICAN PARTNERS," BUT ALSO OF SUCH
SUBJECTS AS ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE
AND THE LOME CONVENTION. MINISTER BA ALSO ARRIVES IN PARIS
WITH FRESH MANDATE FROM ISLAMIC CONFERENCE TO BEARD FRENCH
ON MAYOTTE (DAKAR 3305), WHICH, FOR SOME REASON, IS A
SPECIAL SENEGALESE INTEREST.
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